

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

House and Senate met in a Joint Meeting to receive His Excellency Shinzo Abe, Prime Minister of Japan.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S2491–S2542*

**Measures Introduced:** Thirteen bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1126–1138, and S. Res. 154–155. **Pages S2429–30**

**Measures Considered:**

**Protecting Volunteer Firefighters and Emergency Responders Act—Agreement:** Senate continued consideration of H.R. 1191, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that emergency services volunteers are not taken into account as employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S2494–S2413**

Rejected:

By 45 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 168), Corker (for Barrasso) Amendment No. 1147 (to Amendment No. 1140), to require a certification that Iran has not directly supported or carried out an act of terrorism against the United States or a United States person anywhere in the world. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.) **Pages S2511–13**

Pending:

Corker/Cardin Amendment No. 1140, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S2494**

Corker/Cardin Amendment No. 1179 (to Amendment No. 1140), to require submission of all Persian text included in the agreement. **Page S2494**

Blunt Amendment No. 1155 (to Amendment No. 1140), to extend the requirement for annual Department of Defense reports on the military power of Iran. **Page S2494**

Vitter Modified Amendment No. 1186 (to Amendment No. 1179), to require an assessment of inadequacies in the international monitoring and

verification system as they relate to a nuclear agreement with Iran. **Pages S2505–11**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, April 30, 2015. **Page S2541**

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**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—168) **Page S2512**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:23 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 30, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2541.)

### Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

#### APPROPRIATIONS: NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Department of Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the National Guard and Reserve, after receiving testimony from General Frank J. Grass, Chief of the National Guard, Lieutenant General